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GOP Senator Will Conduct Own Bay of Pigs Investigation

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Senate Republicans moved yesterday to conduct their own investigation of the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion. They said they wanted to get the "entire story" historically accurate.

Senate GOP Leader Everett M. Dirksen, (Ill.), said he proposed making such a preliminary inquiry on his own and heard "no dissent" when it was discussed at a GOP policy meeting yesterday. He said his proposal was not prompted by Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.).

Shortly before Dirksen's announcement, Goldwater had told the Senate the Kennedy Administration should make public all official reports on the Cuban invasion. He said the Administration should

end its efforts to "tamper with history."

Both senators were reacting to published interviews with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. The Attorney General contended that an air strike which never came off in the invasion was never part of the invasion plans.

Dirksen said he already had telephoned some "people who should know something about it" and planned to talk to others. The others, he said, might include some of the Cuban invaders who have been released from prison by Castro and are now in this country.

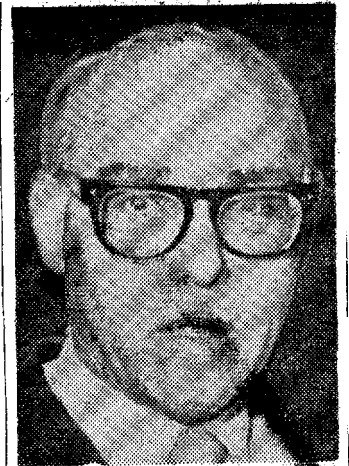
Dirksen said he plans to make an "exploration" of his own, take it up with the GOP Policy Committee staff, and then decide whether the matter should be put up to a Sen-

ate legislative committee for more formal investigation.

Senate Democratic Whip Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.) suggested that if Dirksen wants the "entire story" he should have his investigation include "the circumstances that led to the coming to power in Cuba of Castro and communism."

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the Dirksen proposal "has a very strong partisan aura," and "any conclusion would be considered quite partisan."

Refugee Cuban former Premier Manuel A. De Varona said in Miami Monday night that a U. S. Army officer assured him before the invasion



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MANUEL ANTONIO
DE VARONA

that the invaders would have "full command of the air."

De Varona said the colonel commanding the invasion training camp told him in February, 1961 — about two months before the invaders landed — that they would have command of the air.